Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Paragraph 0011, page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0011] *Neisseria meningitidis* is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis and sepsis throughout the world. Pathogenic meningococci are enveloped by a polysaccharide capsule that is attached to the outer membrane surface of the organism. Thirteen different serogroups of meningococci have been identified on the basis of the immunological specificity of the capsular polysaccharide ~~(Frasch, C.E., et al. 1985)~~ Frasch et al., "New developments in meningococcal vaccines," *The Pathogenic Neisseria*, American Society of Microbiology, G.K. Schoolnik (ed.), pp. 633-639, 1985. Of these thirteen serogroups, five cause the majority of meningococcal disease; these include serogroups A, B, C, W135, and Y. Serogroup A is responsible for most epidemic disease. Serogroups B, C, and Y cause the majority of endemic disease and localized outbreaks. Host defense of invasive meningococci is dependent upon complement-mediated bacteriolysis. The serum antibodies that are responsible for the complement-mediated bacteriolysis are directed in large part against the outer capsular polysaccharide.